

EEHW Committee Special Meeting
April 4, 2006
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jay Dunn, Chair
Patty Cox
Linda Little
Jerry Potts
Verzell Taylor
Melverta Wilkins

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT:

David Williams, County Board
Carol Reed, Deputy Auditor
Dan Lightner, Zoning Administrator
Ken Boles, Asst. State's Attorney
Sherri Ludlam, Solid Waste Director

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tom Durbin

This special meeting was called to order by Chair Dunn at the Macon County Office Building.

ZONING CASE R-15-12-05, REZONING APPLICATION FROM GREGORY OOTEN, B-2 TO M-1

Chair Dunn said there is a zoning case, R-15-12-05, a rezoning application from Gregory Ooten from B-2 to M-1, and copies of correspondence regarding the application were distributed to committee members including a letter from Mr. Ooten to Dan Lightner expressing his wishes. Chair Dunn asked if there was any discussion or action on this. Motion made by Linda Little to table and seconded by Patty Cox. Chair Dunn said action was taken at the last EEHW meeting on this, and it was the professional opinion of Randy Waks that the action was not right. Chair Dunn said David Williams and the Ootens have been talked to about it, and they felt like they just wanted to table this at this time to explore some different avenues and if they do not work out, be able to bring this back up which is why they want it tabled. Motion carried unanimously.

MACON COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE AREA KNOWN AS THE DECATUR ENTERPRISE ZONE – CRAIG COIL, EDC

Copies of the proposed Decatur Enterprise Zone Boundary Amendments were distributed. Mr. Coil said he was here a while ago to give an informational update on the Decatur Enterprise Zone, and at the time based on past history in previous applications with the State of IL, Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, he believed a formal resolution was not needed from the county in order to get approval of these parcels in the final application.

Mr. Coil said they submitted the application, and they came back wanting a county resolution; one was not done since the original resolution, and county staff agreed at the time, was worded in such a way so that the county would automatically concur as long as it met the criteria established by the Enterprise Zone Advisory Board of which the county is a member and with the city of Decatur. Mr. Coil said they approved that the last time.

This time there are new lawyers involved and what they have asked is for a formal resolution to be included in the package. These projects have been approved by every other entity which needs to approve it including the city, Enterprise Zone Advisory Board, and the IL Department of Agriculture. Mr. Coil said he is asking for the committee's approval for the resolution included in the packet so it can be taken to the full board at the April 13 meeting for final approval. The approved resolution will be taken to the state for final overall approval of the application. His 3-24-06 memo to David Wolfe was distributed, and he feels it is self-explanatory but will answer any questions or go into as much detail as needed. Linda Little asked about the new, and Mr. Coil said everything that is blue on the maps is existing space and everything outlined or highlighted in red is the proposed piece; there is an overview map which shows all three parcels along with individual maps of each particular parcel with headings for identification. Mr. Coil said they coincide with labeling in the memo; the maps are from the county, they are outstanding, and they are a critical resource. Chair Dunn said Mr. Coil has mentioned many times before that the county's mappings help them out tremendously in trying to sell the county to people who come in to try and set up a business here. Linda Little asked if number two was by ADM; Mr. Coil said yes, it is off Brush College Road. Linda Little asked what effect it has on the county; Chair Dunn said hopefully bring in more revenue and Mr. Coil said it would at some point no doubt since new jobs would be developed. Mr. Coil said they have not had requests for property tax abatement although in two of the instances, NSR Technologies and TCR Systems, they will ask for property tax abatement from EDC after the annexation boundary change is approved. Mr. Coil said EDC is a public private partnership and does not belong to any government entity although everyone on the EDC Board of Directors, which includes representation from the county in Jay Dunn, along with the city and a variety of other people, make the recommendation as to whether to approve abatement or not; there are specific criteria in place to get property tax abatement. Motion made by Linda Little to approve sending the resolution for the addition of the three locations to the enterprise zone to the full board, seconded by Melverta Wilkins, and motion carried unanimously.

DELEGATION AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY – SOLID WASTE

Sherri Ludlam distributed copies of the Delegation Agreement between the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and Macon County. Sherri said since 2001, this has been on a five-year renewal plan and Macon County's expires on June 30; it is essentially the intergovernmental agreement which allows us to do EPA inspections for them. The new items in the delegation agreement, there is an example that is an addition to the agreement on page 5 when they are talking about the enforcement decision groups which is a clarification.

On page 7, the county shall comply with the provisions, this is an addition brought out of the Patriot Act to make sure the information is kept secure. In section 7, they transferred a large section, the inspection schedule and how we are suppose to do the inspections from what was originally the guidance on the manual on the enforcement management system, and they just moved it from the manual into the agreement. Sherri said it is her opinion none of the changes have much of a significant impact on the meaning of the agreement. Chair Dunn asked if the agreement would be from the old one until June 30, 2011 even though it goes into effect in June. Sherri said the EPA wants the paperwork sent and signed by June 1, and she believes it goes into effect July 1, and it is for a five-year term which would expire June 30, 2011. Motion made by Patty Cox to approve the delegation agreement, and seconded by Verzell Taylor. Chair Dunn asked if it stops here or goes to the full board; Sherri said it is a contract, an intergovernmental agreement with EPA, and it requires the signature of the board chairman so she feels it needs to go to the full board. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Linda Little to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Patty Cox, and motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Linda Koger
Macon County Board Office